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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Gactan MARTEL  
Serial No.: 10/667,439  
Filed: September 23, 2003  
Title: DEVICE FOR CONCEALING CAULKING JOINT  
AND METHOD  
Examiner: Nasser Ahmad  
Group Art Unit: 1772

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
U.S.A.

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action issued on January 3, 2006.  
Kindly amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 and 3 are herein amended.  
Claims 17-19 are canceled from the application.  
New claims 20-27 have been added.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.